vity, it is not feasible to make an estimate of the extent of gold being smuggled into the country. The increase in the quantity and value of seizures of gold during the years 1985 and 1986 need not indicate an increase in smuggling. This is mainly due to more effective preventive operations. The magnitude of smuggling of gold into the country is determined largely by:—

(i) High domestic demand due to social customs;

(ii) Demand for hoarding purposes as a security and hedge against inflation;

(iii) Negligible production and supplies;

(iv) Profitability due to wide differential between low international price and rising domestic prices.

The anti-smuggling drive throughout the country has been intensified. The anti-smuggling machinery throughout the country, particularly at vulnerable points along the coastline and the land borders and at the international airports and seaports, has been geared up to check smuggling. Sophisticated anti-smuggling equipment, such as metal detectors and X-ray machines are being utilised for detection of gold concealed on the person of passengers and in their baggage. On the basis of information, vessels, vehicles and aircrafts are searched for concealed gold. Close coordination is maintained with all the agencies concerned in the prevention and detection of smuggling into the country.

Guidelines on working of both husband and wife at the same branch of a local Head Office

158. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines of Government on working of both husband and wife at the same branch of a bank or at the same Head Office;

(b) whether it is a fact that both husband and wife or near relatives are not supposed to work at the same branch or Head Office;

(c) what are the details of the cases pertaining to both husband and wife or near relatives above working in the State Bank of India, Local Head Office, New Delhi; and

(d) what measures Government propose to take to follow the guidelines in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Government guidelines on posting of spouses provide that they should be posted, as far as possible subject to administrative exigencies, to an office/branch within the same city/town or in the same State if it is not possible to post in same station but not at the same office/branch.

(c) and (d) State Bank of India has reported that there are 8 cases of employees posted with their spouses/relations in Delhi Local Head Office. The bank has issued suitable instructions to regularise the position in most cases and has also been advised to regularise the position in respect of remaining employees.

Pak training to Punjab Terrorists

159. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is encouraging Punjab terrorists and is also running camps to train them for their terrorists activities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government of India have shown incontrovertible evidence to Pakistan Government of their involvement in these incidents; and

(c) whether Government propose to